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BKI. U.S. Patent No. 6,496,692

BKI. U.S. Patent No. 7,149,509

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 09/518,846 (abandoned)

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 10/603,285 (some similar or identical claims with pending rejection)

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 10/223,200

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 10/915,862

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 10/915,866 (some similar or identical claims)

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,122

BKI. U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,142

It is respectfully requested the Examiner again fully consider these cases and all associated documents in their prosecution history during the examination of this application,

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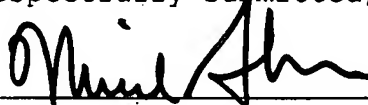
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B. L. T. Hideo	JP 09205471	August 5, 1997

Because this is a continuation application, copies of these documents are not enclosed herewith. It is respectfully requested that these documents be: (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate herewith), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Applicant believes that no fee is due at this time. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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